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Supplement

1983

LOOKING BACK . . . A Class History

Looking back over our senior year, we realize that the class of '83 had an illustrious year and left its mark with many firsts and many highlights.

In the fall of '82 the class began its senior year with a new dean, a new housemaster, a new athletic director, and a new department head — quite a few changes!

The year began to unfold and the spirits were high and loud when it came time to pick a new mascot. There were several options, but the real contest came down between the backers of Gumby, a cartoon character, and Josh, a live German shepard. For the first time members of the sr. class were allowed to come in and cast a ballot for their personal favorite. Previously, only class officers voted. In a close contest, Josh was the winner, marking another first — a live mascot.

The competition, along with the first sr. weekend and lively spirit week, further brightened the fall sports calendar. Meanwhile, in the academic circle, applications were sent out to colleges, term papers were assigned, and questionnaires were due!

Phase two rolled in with a fine production of "Sherlock Holmes" by the Drama Club. The awards and individual honors kept finding their way to the halls of NBHS. Our own Sherry Cabral became NB's Junior Miss, Joe Rocha became #1 in cross-country and track, Chris Norton became a record holder in diving, Bryan Lopes became a member of the McDonald's Marching Band, and Bobby Duarte became the first player to score 49 pts. in a single basketball game!

Meanwhile early acceptances came in, deadlines were met, and term papers were still assigned! Time passed with exams, games and meets, exams, dances, exams, dates, and — you guessed it — more exams!

Finally the busy time of the senior year arrived. The spectacular production of Jesus Christ Superstar once again proved NBHS' Drama Club to be #1 in this area. Meanwhile, the NBHS Marching Band continued to take home the trophies and honors for being the very best. Then the talents of seniors such as Joe Rocha, Steve Drayton, Kippy Andrade, Sean McDevitt, Sean Medeiros, Chris Horn, and #1 strong man, Chris Wheelden brought the state title home to NBHS in spring track.

The Senior Banquet held at the Skipper proved a huge success as the Class of '83 added a new twist to the agenda in the form of a DJ with dancing. A few weeks passed and finally — YB Day! The yearbooks came in and were distributed at a signing party held in the gym on Friday evening. The class A yearbook centered on a zodiac theme running throughout the entire book. Another first for this senior class.

Quickly passing, time finally reached that point when no more exams, term papers, or homework were expected. It soon was June 6, 1983 and time for candlelight and music — the prom! Over 300 couples shared their last class social together at the Venus at yet another first — a dinner and dance. At the stroke of midnight the Cinderellas and Prince Charmings left the ballroom with their souvenir glass reminding them to . . . "believe in yourself."

Awards night honored Bobby Duarte and Cindy Masson with trophies and scholarships as "Outstanding Whalers". Score another 1st. for the senior class.

Finally, after a brief rehearsal on Wednesday morning, the big night arrived. One June 9th at 6:00 p.m. the senior class met together for the last time as undergraduates. The procession to Sargeant Field began at 6:30 and as the red and white lines reached their destination they were greeted with another surprise. Just as they had started their senior year with a first — in that case, being given class advisors Mr. J. Rose and Mrs. L. Dlouhy — so would they end their senior year with a first — in this case, the graduates would sit facing their parents during the ceremony. The moments passed quickly to that point when the tassels were turned. We were now alumni!

In thinking back on high school we will reflect on those days and leaf through these pages time and again. We will smile with pride at our decision not to put a meaningless class will in the yearbook because we knew our spirit as a class would last in the halls of NBHS forever —that was the legacy we left behind.

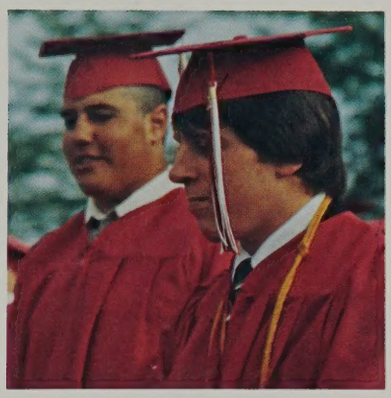
And we also knew that a list of superlatives was unnecessary since as a class we were the best — not just as individuals, but as a bonded "family."

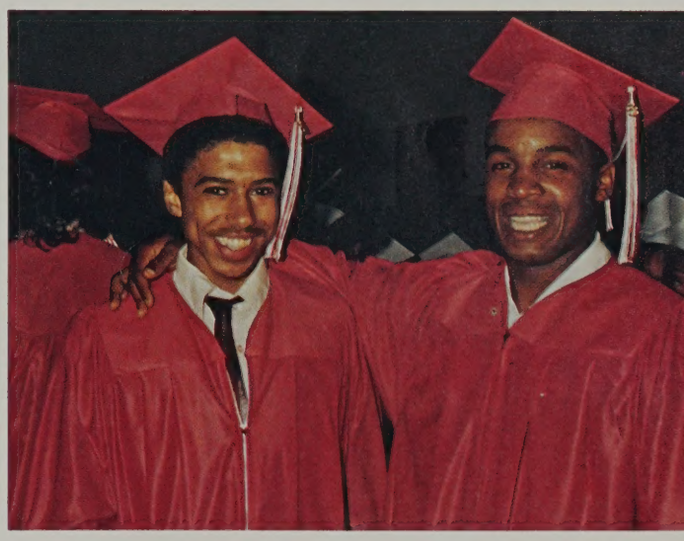
After all . . . the class to be was '83!

P.S. This class history is another first!

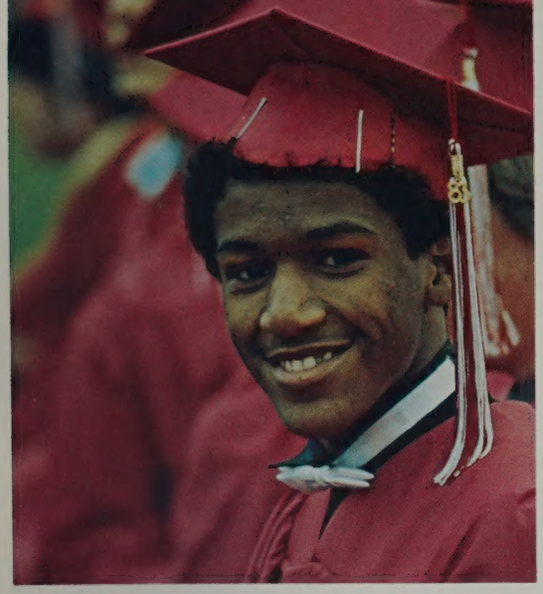
GRADUATION
June 9, 1983

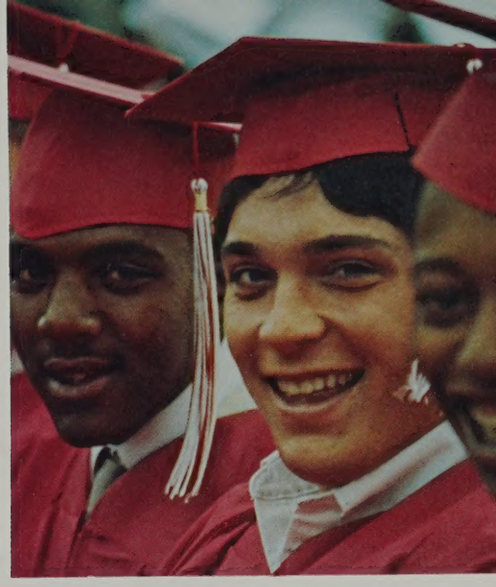
The excitement began with the arrival of the seniors of '83 at the site of the gymnasium. There, they donned caps and gowns, made last minute adjustments, and posed for final shots with friends . . .

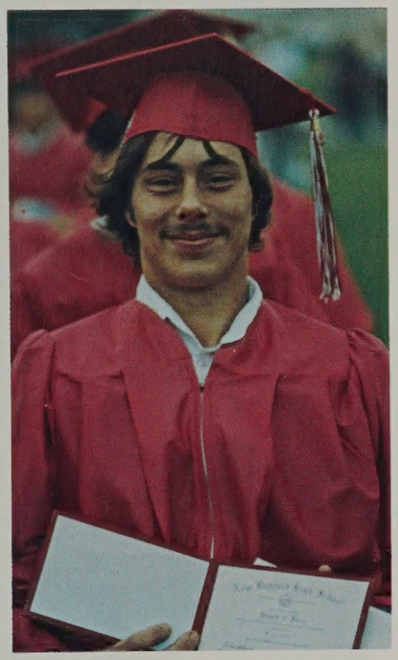
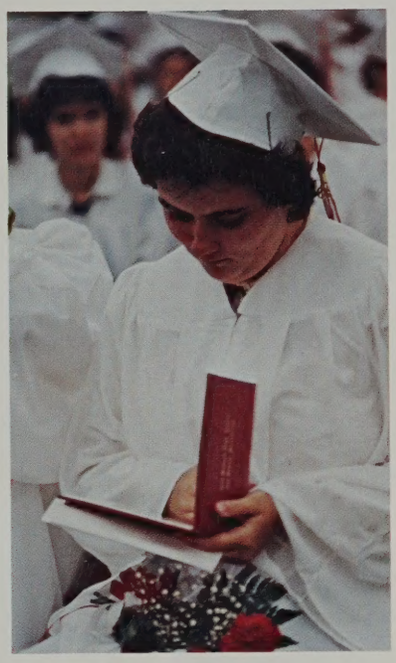




At 6:30 p.m. the walk began to Sargeant Field where the seniors were greeted by the cheers of family and friends. From the opening moments of the ceremony, bits of mixed emotions filled the air. Eager to be graduates, yet saddened by the thoughts of going on in various directions, the seniors waited anxiously. The presentation of diplomas, first to valedictorian Michelle Lexesque, then to the highest honors and class members of 1983 began. The presentation of diplomas to the officers signalled the final words to be given by class president, Joe Nobrega. This was followed by the traditional movement of the tassels, indicating the class of '83 now to be alumni of NBHS . . .





Perhaps the most difficult time
— saying good-bye . . .

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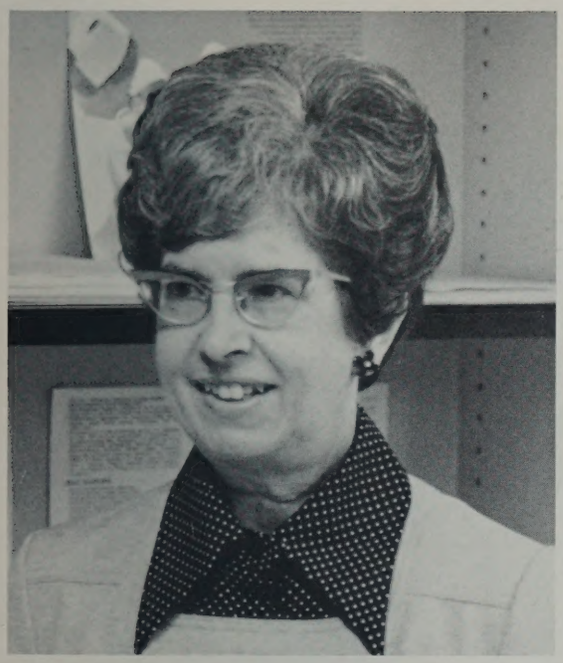
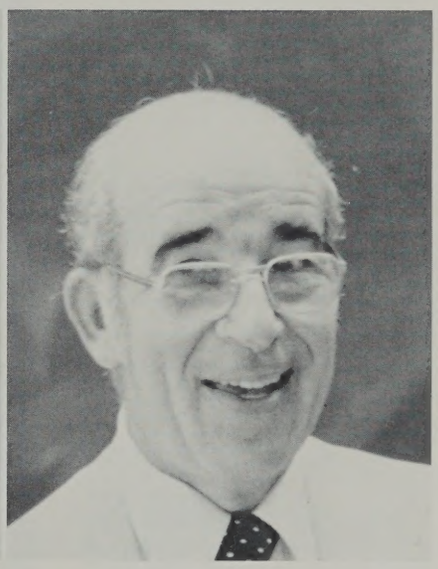


Mrs. B. West

Leaving with the class of '83 were the following teachers: Mrs. Barbara West, Mrs. Vilda Miles, Mr. Ed Costa, Mrs. Hope Collins, and Ms. Aurora Zola. In addition to these people we also "graduated" Mrs. Marion Brown, main office secretary and Mrs. Eva Correia, and Mr. Curly Dutra of the custodial staff who are not pictured here.

Each of these people made individual contributions to the school and to the student body. Their years of service to NBHS did not go unnoticed and unappreciated by the administration, staff, and students, even if many times "thank you's" went unspoken. We will miss them, yet we wish them retirements filled with days of sunshine, smiles, and satisfaction.

Mrs. V. Miles



Mr. E. Costa

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Ms. A. Zola

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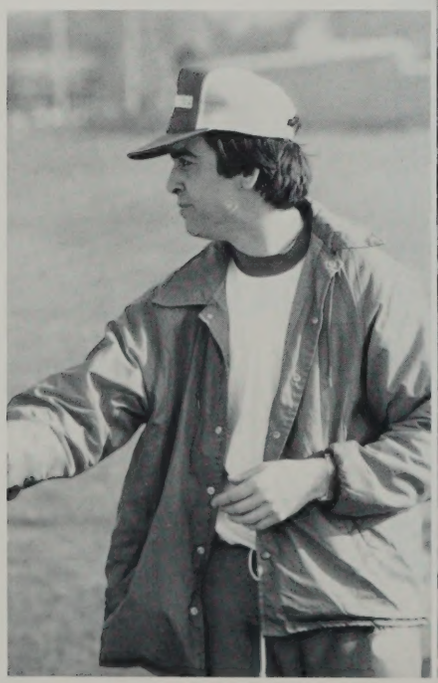

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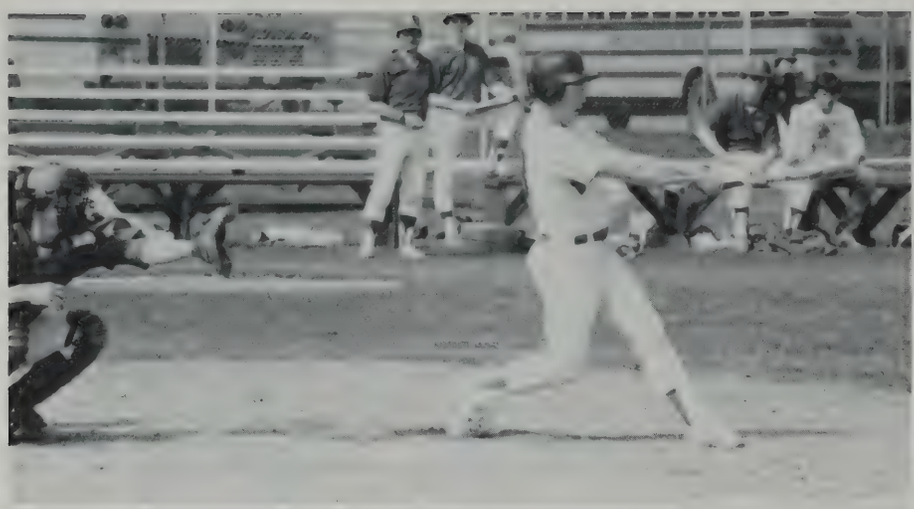


Although the spring sports' season proved not to be as winning a season as some coaches had anticipated, there was a great deal of growing and learning which took place. A happy note is to be found in the fact that most of the teams were made up of underclassmen, and therefore, the picture for next year looks particularly bright.

HAIL TO THE STATE CHAMPIONS!

The 1983 Massachusetts State Track Champions are from New Bedford High School!

The Whalers swept through the championship season by capturing the Class A crown by 10 pts. and then won the state championship by an impressive 16 pts. New Bedford then finished a very close 2nd in the New England Championships that were held at Bellows Falls, Vermont.

Individually, NB was led by co-capts. Kippy Andrade and Steve Drayton. Both are co-holders of the school record for 100 meters with a time of 10.8, while Drayton also holds the school record in the 200 meter with a time of 21.9.

In addition to the performances of the co-capts., the Whalers also had two New England Champions in Chris Wheelden and Joe Rocha. Wheelden is the school record-holder in the shot put with a throw of 59'5 ½" and Rocha holds the 2 mile record of 9:09.9. Senior Sean Medeiros also set the 300 meter intermediate hurdles record 40.7 while competing in the Coaches' Games at White Plains, New York.

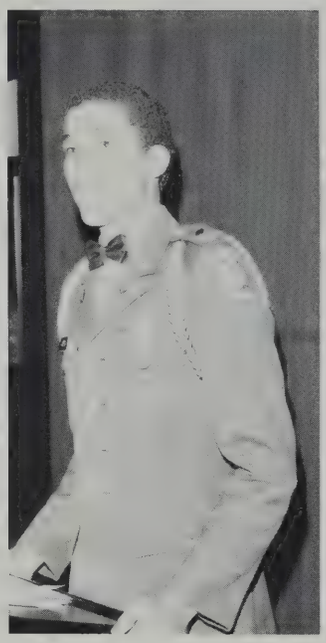
The 1983 NBHS track team had a collection of some of the most talented athletes in the track team's history and truly deserves the praise and admiration of the school, community, and state!

SENIOR BANQUET

This year's banquet was held at the Skipper in Fairhaven. The talents of the senior class were displayed along with the latest fashions and dance steps. General comment on the evening was " . . . the best banquet we have ever had!"

JROTC BALL

Once again the JROTC displayed its poise and sophistication at its annual ball. The evening was a delight for those in attendance and especially for the new queen, shown here being crowned by Yolanda Adames, last year's queen. The most spectacular moment of the evening was the presentation of the guards and the walk through the aisle of swords. This is truly an affair with flair.

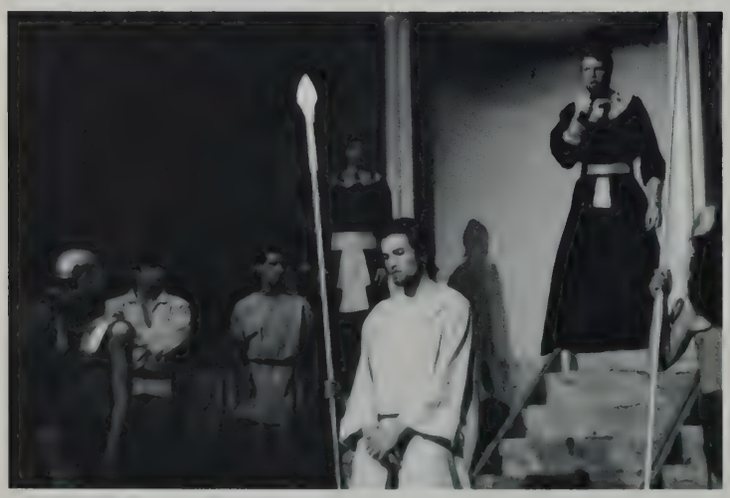


SPRING CONCERT

Music Fills the Air

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

The Drama Club's 1983 spring production of the rock opera, Jesus Christ Superstar, was a smash. Mike McGrath did an outstanding job portraying the title role with conviction. Other stars included Lisa Andrade who touched the emotions of the audience as Mary Magdalene. Robert Andrade convincingly played the role of the confused traitor, Judas Iscariot. Other leads included Dean Galarza as the colorful character of Herod, Paul Foucart as the emotional governor Pilate, Richard Langlois as the scheming High Priest, Caiphas, Mike Ventura as the apostle Peter, and Kevin Burns as the dancing Simon the Zealot. A memorable happening as a result of this play was the production at the Zeiterion Theater for several of JCS's cast members — as professionals! Congratulations!



SENIOR PROM
June 6, 1983

Candlelight dinners of either prime rib or baked stuffed shrimp started the evening filled with dance and music. The floor filled with colors stolen from every color of the rainbow. Every young lady looked like a princess while each escort was a prince. The affair, held at the Venus de Milo, began at 6:30 and lasted until the magical hour of midnight. As "Voyage" finished its last number, the couples reluctantly left the ballroom. Each couple received a souvenir brandy snifter to keep as a tangible symbol of their memorable night.

CLASS OF 83

"Believe in Yourself"

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